

## WAR CONTRACTS DOUBTFUL BY LATE RULING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Government war contracts involving hundreds of millions of dollars were rendered doubtful in status today by a decision of Comptroller Warwick of the treasury that orders have not been legally executed unless actually signed by responsible government contracting agents and the contractor.

The war department submitted to the comptroller a form of cancellation agreement under which it was proposed to abandon without unjust loss to contractors thousands of war supply contracts. He refused to approve the agreement, holding that the department may not agree with a contractor on an arbitrary sum to terminate for this is given in a previously existing contract.

A large proportion of war orders were given informally by telephone, telegraph or letter, it is said. In such cases the comptroller held new legislation will be necessary to permit framing of agreements for cancellation.

In the confusion and haste of war, many manufacturers proceeded with tremendous orders on telegraphic instructions of subordinate army officers and the termination of hostilities found them unprotected by legal contract. The authority of the comptroller who has rendered their position questionable grows out of his supervision of all payments by the treasury on order of other departments.

In submitting the tentative form for a standard cancellation contract, Secretary Baker explained that "it is important in the interest of labor and the industrial security of the country that these plants (referring mainly to munition factories) be returned to commercial work as speedily as practicable and so far as possible without a break in their continuous operation and employment of labor."

Secretary Baker continued: "The war department believes that many such contractors are willing to forego the prospective profits on the remainder of the work contemplated by the contract and terminate the existing contract on a basis which would amount substantially to compensation for expenditures incurred and in profits not to exceed ten per cent on the cost of the unfinished articles on hand—a basis more favorable to the government than the terms of the contract would permit—if they can secure promptly a substantial portion of this sum so as to release their working capital for switching back to commercial work."

"The department desires to enter into supplementary contracts with such contractors by which a sum well within what it is certain would have to be paid by the government on such basis of adjustment, will be paid immediately to the contractor upon his consent to termination of the original contract and a release to the government from all its obligations thereunder, the department agreeing to pay

substantially such additional sum as the secretary of war may determine will complete payment to the contractor on such basis of adjustment."

Comptroller Warwick held that no blanket form of contract could be devised to cover all cancellations.

Secretary Baker issued a statement from the war department's general policy in cancelling war supply contracts. He made it clear that the department proposes to do its own cancelling instead of leaving the task to the war industries board.

"When it becomes necessary in the public interest to discontinue the production of supplies or materials which are no longer needed by the army," Secretary Baker said, "negotiations for prompt settlement of contracts will be undertaken by the war department in a spirit of fairness and helpfulness to all concerned."

"It is expected that contractors on their part will undertake to furnish definite statement which will facilitate prompt payment of the obligations of the government."

"An erroneous impression prevails that the responsibility of reduction of cancellation of contracts rests in the war industries board. This is not the case. The war department is the principal in the matter of its adjustment, though it may, when it seems advisable, advise with the war industries board or other governmental agencies on matters of general policy."

"To prevent too violent dislocation of industry, accumulation by the war department of either raw material or finished product will be distributed when and where liquidation of such supplies will least interfere with the return of industry to normal conditions."

The Tribune says not a few persons who insist on scrambling over bridges before getting to them are asking what will be done should the persistence of the influenza epidemic prevent the raising of the ban upon public gatherings by the time that the legislature is due to convene, January 13.

The constitution says that the legislature shall go into session on the second Monday of January. The standing order of the state health authorities is that no assemblage of persons may be allowed. Should the ban on public gatherings continue in effect as long as it has already been on, it will be operative when the time for the legislature to assemble arrives, say those who are enjoying the dilemma in advance.

Some argue that the order prohibiting indulgence of the gregarious instincts of the state's population does not have bearing on assemblage of persons required by law. The judiciary has held differently. The calendar of the Third district court is getting far behind with the trial of jury cases because of the fact that a jury cannot be brought together without violation of the existing health order.

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## WHISKEY FOR THE 'FLU' CAUSES KING TO LOSE \$50

John E. King, said that he took the whiskey, which he bought in Salt Lake two years ago, in order to keep down a threatened attack of the "flu." John spoke at some length in defense of his conduct last night when Officer Canfield arrested him, and told the same long story this morning. He was impressed with the fact that many doctors spoke of whiskey as "good for the flu" and thought the court ought to be broadminded enough to agree with the doctors "once in a while."

"The doctors don't order you to drink it in doses like those you had last night."

So Judge Barker, the horrid, narrow minded man, sentenced a King to a fine of \$50 or thirty days in the city jail.

Everybody seems to have it in for the Kings nowadays.

## M. D. JONES PARTS WITH \$100 BAIL

M. D. Jones, who was arrested last evening by Special Officer J. B. Botts for driving an automobile at excessive speed along Washington avenue to the south and knocking down and injuring a young boy and smashing up his bicycle, appeared before Judge Barker this morning. The defendant pleaded that he case be heard tomorrow morning. Bail was paid in the sum of one hundred dollars.

Jones hails from Burley, Idaho, and says that he is sorry for the unfortunate accident which caused so much trouble to the boy and his machine.

## CARING FOR CATTLE IN THIS STATE

Don't starve your cattle by keeping them too long on insufficient fall pasture, warns the committee on Agricultural Production of the state council of defense which met at the Utah Agricultural college for its regular weekly meeting last Monday. This practice, which is all too common in Utah, according to the committee, is extremely bad this year when meat is both scarce and high priced.

When cattle come off the ranges or pastures in early fall they are usually in good condition. They are then turned in the fields to pick up what could not be gathered during the harvest. This is very desirable both in

order to save the feed which would otherwise be wasted and to afford exercise for the animals. The high price of feed tempts the owner to delay feeding as long as possible. It is not wise, however, to delay feeding after the pasturage is used, because the cattle then lose flesh rapidly due to both lack of food and to cold weather.

It is much more difficult to get flesh back on animals than it is to keep the animals in good condition. Not only is the restoration of lost flesh difficult in cold weather but it is also expensive, much more so than it is to prevent loss of flesh. It is therefore more profitable, and incidentally more humane, to keep the cattle in fair condition. They ought not to be fat, but they ought, by all means, to be strong and vigorous.

Moreover, a high percentage of weak animals die at spring calving whereas but few of those in good condition are so lost. When cows die their calves either die or else are saved with difficulty. All the feed that the dead animals have eaten is lost. Had these animals been sold or killed in the fall and the hay fed to other animals these would have been in better condition.

## SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH

The state school for deaf and blind, celebrated Thanksgiving fittingly with a program followed by an elaborately served dinner.

According to Superintendent Driggs, health regulations at the institution are obeyed with the utmost care and no visitors from the outside have been permitted entrance during the epidemic. As a result there have been no fatalities, although there have been a number of cases of the influenza. All are recovering however.

## WOMEN EMPLOYES TO BE RETAINED

In all probabilities, women railroad employees now serving mostly in the capacity of stenographers and clerks, who were employed during the war shortage, will remain in their present positions, according to a statement from the railroad commission.

Action in regard to this will be left to individual roads but it is believed that a demand for labor during the readjustment period will be so great as to necessitate the retaining of the approximately 100 female employees.

## CARTOONIST ON A TRIP TO CANYON

Manuel Rosenberg, official cartoonist of the United States aviation training department spent Thursday afternoon and evening in Ogden, while en route to the home of his father in San Francisco.

Rosenberg entered the naval service for the purpose of stimulating recruiting and is a first class petty officer, and has been stationed at the Great Lakes naval station.

While on his short stay here, Rosenberg went through Ogden canyon, making a number of sketches around the Hermitage. He was more than favorably impressed with the local cañon, and paid it a high tribute.

## U. S. ARMY SURGEON TO COME TO OGDEN

According to word received in Ogden late last night Dr. F. V. McGillicuddy, U. S. army surgeon will come to Ogden on detached duty to take the place vacated by Dr. W. S. Harrison in aiding the commissioners, health board and physicians in combating the epidemic.

"The situation looks very encouraging," Dr. Beatty declared last night, "and it may be possible soon to consider something definite in the matter of lifting the ban. The large number of deaths occurring in the last few days is attributable to the sudden increase in the number of cases reported last week. But during the last three or four days there has been a consistent decline in the total of new cases developing, and this will inevitably be reflected in the shape of a much smaller death list in the week to come."

## BATTLE CREEK MAN WRITES STANDARD

The following communication is from Frank M. Kellogg, an ex-Sanitarium employee who has been in Ogden a few days:

"Editor Standard: The up-lift and instruction contained in the article of your issue Nov. 27, 'Why there are so many victims of the epidemic,' came as sunlight after gloom, or, as song birds after rain, following as it did, the next day after an article, Nov. 26, headed, 'Vaccination for the Influenza Germ.' The bacillus being in process of discovery and not immediately available.

"I am not a Jewish, Mormon, or Christian Scientist communicant of record, but I can subscribe to their health tenets for physical fitness as referred to in 'Why there are so many victims of the epidemic.' The author of it very clearly presents a tested system of prevention, immediately available, rock-ribbed as stable as the hills. He has collected for public assimilation a bunch of constructive facts, which, entering one's life, leave small room for the destructive fear of disease in the crisis at hand. If beyond a belief in customary aids

# WARNING!

HAVE YOU READ THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH?

**NOTICE** After a complete canvass of this city only a dozen stores and markets have complied with the regulations as to the wearing of masks. Another inspection will be made and every person found violating this ordinance will be immediately prosecuted. Generally, the public is most willing to do all it possibly can to relieve the situation, others who make the work of the volunteers a greater hardship in putting the rules into effect by arguing and asking why other measures are not adopted.

No exceptions will be made after today.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH SAYS, WEAR THE MASKS, AND THE MASKS WILL BE WORN, OR ARRESTS WILL FOLLOW.

The masks should be worn properly.

By Order of CITY BOARD OF HEALTH

that there is no help, we are indeed helpless.

"I believe that the text of Mr. Jones' article is due for public distribution as free as autumn leaves from Heaven."

## Hundred Thousand Women Added to Railroad Payrolls

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Women railroad employees, about 100,000 in number, who were added to the payrolls on account of the war, mainly as clerks and stenographers, probably will be retained permanently, it was said today at headquarters of the railroad administration. Specific action in this regard will be left to individual railroads but administration officials, who have made a survey of the employment situation believe the demand for labor during the readjustment period will be so great that it will be not only desirable but necessary to retain the women employees.

## Three Skaters Lose Lives in Attempt To Rescue Girl

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 28.—Three persons lost their lives here last night by drowning when the ice in a pond on the Capitol grounds on which they were skating broke through. Miss Marjorie Karkey was the first to break through and Franke Foreshaw and Lloyd Baker lost their lives in attempting to rescue her.

## Sugar Regulations Will Be Modified Early Next Week

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The sugar divisions of the United States food administration have decided that the country will begin to demobilize about December 15, it was learned here today, in anticipation of the arrival of Cuba's sugar crop in January. Modification of restrictions affecting consumers will become effective early next week.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to offer our sincere thanks to those who assisted us during the sickness and death of our wife and daughter, and for the many flowers, and for those who took part in the funeral arrangements.

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UTAHNS WILL AID IN NEW YORK WELCOME SALT LAKE, Nov. 29.—Governor Bamberger invites Utah business men to submit to him the names of representatives of their houses who are expected to be in New York during a part or all of December and next January.

Since receipt of an invitation from the directors of the Fifth Avenue association of New York to the state of Utah to have part in a mammoth celebration of the homecoming of soldiers from Europe, the governor has been awaiting more definite information as to the probable date of the event. Governor Bamberger is asked to appoint a committee from this state, with a chairman preferably located temporarily or permanently in New York, to aid in making arrangements for a big parade along Fifth Avenue to welcome the soldiers home. The plan is to

devote one block along the avenue to each of the forty-nine states in the Union, each designated block to have decorations placed by the state which it represents, including the state insignia or coat-of-arms and any characteristic welcoming phrase desired, and all to harmonize with the general plan.

## Approve Increased Postage Rate in Amended War Tax

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Report of the increased postage rates was approved today by the senate finance committee. Amendments to the war revenue bill were adopted to abolish the zone increase on second class rates, with a proviso that the rate shall be 1 1/2 cents per pound beyond a 200 miles radius and also for repeal of the extra cent per ounce postage on letters.

## Peruvian-Chilean Controversy Goes to State Department

LIMA, Peru, Nov. 29.—It is reported in diplomatic circles that the foreign office has sent a long cable message to the American state department at Washington concerning the controversy between Chile and Peru. It is not known whether the cable message concerned recent incidents or the general question of the provinces of Taona and Arica.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 29.—American Ambassador Shea had a long conference with the Chilean foreign minister Thursday. The newspaper says that the conference was connected with the present trouble between Chile and Peru.

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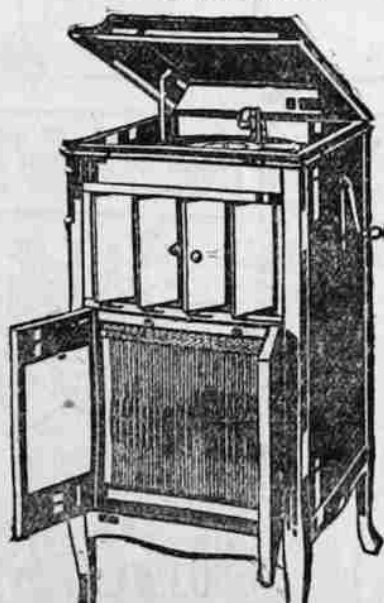
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## Tomorrow

Most of Thanksgiving leaveovers will be consumed and pantries will have to be stocked in most cases for Sunday. Try to do your grocery and meat buying Saturday morning. The air is pure and the crowds are not so large. There will be little danger of being exposed to the "flu" if you come during the morning.

### A FEW TURKEYS

We have a few choice young turkeys left over for Saturday shoppers. They are as cheap in the long run as most good meat. Our markets will be well stocked with choice cuts of good beef and pork. Walk a little out of your way and save on your meats.

### AT ALL STORES

Sweet Rex hams, by the half or whole ham . . . . . 40c  
Mild cured breakfast bacon, pound . . . . . 45c  
Dry salt chunks for seasoning, pound . . . . . 27c  
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